

ABSTRACT

A data processing system blind source separation of an overcomplete set of signals generally includes means for storing input from sensors in a mixed signal matrix **X 200**, noise in a noise matrix **V 202**, an estimate of the individual signals from the mixture of
5 signals from the signal sources in a source signal estimate matrix **\hat{S} 204**, and an estimate of environmental effects in a mixing matrix **\hat{A} 206**, the matrices related by **$X = \hat{A}\hat{S} + V$** ; generating an initial estimate of **\hat{A} 208**; determining the number of, and associated lines of correlation of, each source from **\hat{A}** , and representing the sources in the source signal estimate matrix **\hat{S} 210**; jointly optimizing **\hat{S}** and **\hat{A}** in an iterative manner to generate
10 an optimized source signal estimate matrix **\hat{S} 212** and a final estimated mixing matrix **\hat{A}** ; and restoring the separated source signals from the optimized source signal estimate matrix **\hat{S} 214**.